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The 25 men and 2 women who had been granted amnesty explained that they are calling the attention of President Belisario Betancur's government to the unfulfilled promises to reintegrate them into society and find them jobs.

"We demand the presence in this consulate of John Agudelo Rios, president of the government's Peace Commission," said one of the former guerrillas, who requested guarantees to prevent police intervention. "We were M-19 guerrillas and we accepted the amnesty on 9 June 1983, but the government has not kept any of the promises made to us," the spokesmen for the former rebels stated.

He added that the occupation of the Ecuadoran Consulate will end only when Agudelo Rios appears at the consulate and promises on behalf of the government to fulfill the promises made.

The Ecuadoran Consulate has been surrounded by police.

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GUERRILLA GROUP CLAIMS CREDIT FOR CUTUFI ATTACK

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[Text] Bogota -- Pictures and pamphlets released by the outlawed National Liberation Army [ELN] have confirmed that that subversive group was responsible for the attack on the Venezuelan military command post of Cutufi. The materials were sent to a television studio in the capital during the past few hours.

In its communique, the ELN declared that it carried out this action because Colombian and Venezuelan peasants living in the border area are being subjected to irregular operations by the Venezuelan Army and police, who refuse to allow the peasants either to work or live in peace.

In another part of the communique, the subversives claim that the Venezuelan Red Flag group is conducting important operations together with the ELN and other subversive groups from neighboring countries to prevent imperialism and other forces from continuing their total control of the Latin American nations.

MILITARY COMMANDER VOWS TO DEFEND INSTITUTIONS

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[Report by Monica Rodriguez]

[Text] Bogota -- The military forces have asserted they will not let the guerrillas create independent republics in Colombia as a means of preventing military activities, Armed Forces Commander General Gustavo Matamoros told CARACOL. He added that subversives do not want the troops to take action either in the rural areas or the cities. In this way, he explained, they can indoctrinate the people in order to easily obtain economic donations from them and to exert (?an almost permanent control) over the national areas. The high-ranking militaryman said that according to certain 19-April Movement documents that have been found, it is very clear that one of their most important goals is achieving total political and military [word indistinct] in Putumayo and Caqueta in order to create independent republics.

We will never let them prevent our military activities. Neither will we tolerate their intimidation of the civilian authorities, who would be left completely unprotected, Gen Matamoros added. He also recalled that Defense Minister General Fernando Landazabal Reyes has very clearly defined the military position which, according to Matamoros, all members of the institution share.